

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting Lake Barkley Recreational Boating Project Delivery Team,

**1. Dianne Edwardson** (COE, Operations Manager, WKY/A): - Welcome and requested updates from sub-committees.

**2. Subcommittee Updates:** Q: question, A: answer, C: comment

Buoys and Channel Marking

- C: (Wells) Suggested the Corps increase the number of buoys and put fluorescent tape or lights on main channel and secondary channel buoys. Water levels need to be left at summer pool longer for the safety of boaters especially tournament fishermen who do not know these lakes. The money fishermen spend in the area during a tournament has a significant impact on the local economy.
- Mr. Wells passed around pictures of a boat accident on KY Lake in which a fisherman hit a stump and the outboard motor flipped up into the boat. The accident seriously injured the operator's arm.
- C: (Turley) Suggested that the group check with professional buoy tenders about anchoring methods to increase the durability of buoys. Nun buoys need to be cone shaped so they can be differentiated during low light conditions.
- C: (Fralick) Suggested putting secondary channel buoys across from each other so they are easier to follow.

Information and Education

- Q: (Turley) How much education do we want to do?
- C: (Fralick) We cannot get enough people to attend boat safety courses.
- C: (Turley) It is hard to get people (adults) to show an interest in boat safety.
- C: (Sydnor) Contact insurance companies in KY about offering discounts to people who complete a boat safety course. Send boat safety info with different agencies who attend local boat shows.
- C: (Fralick) Many insurance companies offer discounts for taking boat courses but many adults will still not take the time to complete the course.
- Q: (Rogers) What about a mandatory operators license for boaters?
- A: (Fralick) This would require legislation and it could possibly reduce the number of boaters.

Signage and Mapping

- C: (Kite) Our group met to discuss some ideas about informational signs at boat ramps with color coded maps that correspond with colored elevation gauges.
- Q: (Turley) Can marinas put additional "no-wake" buoys around their docks?
- A: (Kite) If the marinas want to place additional buoys to mark their lease, they can coordinate with our office. This should not be a problem inside their lease area.
- Q: (Turley) Should the Canal be a "no-wake" zone?

- A: (Edwardson) The group will need to check with the towing industry and fishing representatives to obtain their feedback.
- C: (Fralick) Most accidents that occur in the Canal are result of large wake from cruisers capsizing small fishing boats.

#### Natural Resource Management

- C: (Rister) There is no real aquatic vegetation problem on Lake Barkley, but some areas on KY Lake do have some aquatic vegetation. There are numerous shallow and deep water fish attractor sites on Barkley and Kentucky that are marked for the public.
- C: (Edwardson) Maurice Simpson can help address the issues of limited development areas and dock walkway lengths when he returns.

#### Publicity and Administration, Lake Access and Infrastructure, and Underwater Hazards and Dredging Committees have not met at this time.

### **3. Review of Decision Making Process for sub-committees (Edwardson).**

**4. Tom Swor (COE contractor):** Public comment period for EA ended on Sept. 30. Tim Higgs will analyze all comments and make a recommendation to the District Engineer about whether or not a “Finding of No Significant Impact” can be signed.

**5. Update on water level legislation (Dianne Edwardson):** Congress is in recess until Nov. 13. No action at this time.

- Q: (Sydnor): The proposed bill calls for a 2-year pilot program. Is this adequate time to study the environment affects?
- A: (Edwardson): There will probably be several language changes to the bill once Congress reconvenes.

### **6. Misc. Comments**

- C: (Rogers): I would like to see more accessible fishing areas for people who do not have boats.
- C: (Rister): I am very willing to partner with any agency or local govt. to get this done.

**7. Conclusion (Dianne Edwardson):** Next meeting will be on 9 November 2006, at BB&T Bank, Grand Rivers, KY. Subcommittees should meet and begin formulating ideas and plans.

### **8. Meeting participants:**

Steven Gregory, COE  
David Landis, COE  
Tom Swor, COE contractor  
Bob Fralick, KY F&W  
Chris Lasher, Livingston Co. Judge  
Mike Wells, Inn by the Lake  
Paul Rister, KY F&W  
Bob Dyer, Dock Builder  
John Rufli, KWW  
Tammy Warner, Realtor

Kayl Kite, COE  
Mike Looney, COE  
Bobbie Foust, Herald Ledger  
Jerry Turley, Coast Guard Aux.  
Brian Beisel, USFS  
Ron Sydnor, Barkley State Park  
Bob Rodgers  
Terry Crutcher, Stewart Co. Chamber  
Karen Barlow, Inn by the Lake  
John Talyor, USFWS